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SUBJECT: PRESS STATEMNT ON GOC AMNESTY FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS

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1. DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN VOLUNTEERED FOLLOWING STATEMENT
CONCERNING AMNESTY AT NOON PRESS BRIEFING APRIL 20:

QUOTE...WE HAVE SEEN REPORTS OF THE AMNESTY AND HAVE OUR
EMBASSY'S INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF ITS SIGNIFICANCE. IT
IS CLEAR THAT THE AMNESTY GOES WELL BEYOND RECENT PUBLIC
INDICATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTIONS. THE AMNESTY
APPEARS TO HAVE A BROAD AND FAVORABLE IMPACT UPON THOSE
POLITICAL PRISONERS REMAINING IN CHILE AND UPON MANY
THOUSANDS OF CHILEAN EXILES ABROAD.

THE AMNESTY IS A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION BY THE GOVERNMENT
OF CHILE TO IMPROVEMENT OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN
THAT COUNTRY. WE EXPRESS OUR HOPE THAT CHILE IS STARTING
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ON THE PATH TOWARD RESTORATION OF A SYSTEM OF OPEN AND
REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN THE MUCH-ADMIRED CHILEAN
DEMOCRATIC TRADITION. END QUOTE.

2. SPOKESMAN WAS ASKED FOR DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT U.S. -
GOC RELATIONS IN LIGHT OF SUCH RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AS
AMNESTY, TOWNLEY EXPULSION, ETC. QUESTION WAS TAKEN

BY SPOKESMAN. WE ARE CONSIDERING WHAT, IF ANY, RESPONSE
TO MAKE. CHRISTOPHER

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